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MONTREAL GAZETTE EDITORIAL OF APRIL 24, WHILE NOTING THAT IT IS UNWISE TO SELL A NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE SUCH AS GAS "CHEAPLY", THUS DISCOURAGING CONSERVATION AND RETARDING FURTHER ENERGY SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT, NEVERTHELESS CONCLUDES:

BEGIN QUOTE

SOME CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO U.S. PLEAS THAT THE INCREASE BE PHASED IN GENTLY. U.S. ENERGY OFFICIALS ARE NOT ARGUING AGAINST ANY INCREASE AT ALL. THE OFFICIALS REALIZE IT IS UNFAIR TO ASK CANADA TO SELL ITS GAS FOR \$1 A THOUSAND CUBIC FEET WHILE GAS NOT UNDER U.S. FEDERAL JURISDICTION IS BEING SOLD WITHIN STATES AT ALMOST TWICE
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THAT.

THE OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED WITH THE DISRUPTION
A SUDDEN PRICE BOOST COULD HAVE ON THE ECONOMY
OF THE CONSUMING REGIONS. IT IS NOT IN CANADA'S
INTEREST TO DISRUPT THE NORTH AMERICAN ECONOMY.
IT IS ALSO UNFAIR TO BE HARSH ON CUSTOMERS WHO
SIGNED LONG-TERM CONTRACTS WHEN WE THOUGHT WE
HAD MORE GAS THAN WE COULD EVER USE JUST
BECAUSE WE HAVE A STRONGER HAND NOW. END QUOTE.
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